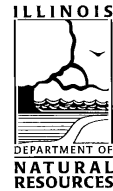




Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Mines and Minerals
Explosives and Aggregate Division



Blasting Awards Nominations

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is seeking nominations for the *Blasting Excellence Award* and the *Industry Leadership Award*. These awards are to be presented annually at the Aggregate Safety Conference. Your nomination is requested to assist the Department in recognizing the individual for the *Blasting Excellence Award* and the company for the *Industry Leadership Award*.

The Blasting Excellence Award, presented by the Department, is in recognition of individual(s) who have demonstrated excellence in their approach to blasting. These individuals must have risen above the everyday obstacles and continue to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner, while using the most appropriate blasting practices for the job at hand. This award will be presented to individual(s) based upon the merits provided within the nomination and verified by the Department.

The Industry Leadership Award, presented by the Department, is in recognition of company(s) who have demonstrated leadership within the industry by consistently going above and beyond the fundamental regulatory requirements. These company(s) must have shown progressive attitudes by establishing and supporting policies which promote blasting programs that achieve quality blast design and safe blasting techniques with significant consideration to the surrounding communities.

Return nominations to: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Explosives and Aggregate Division, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702. If you have a nomination, please contact Jim Hafliger at (217) 782-9976.

1. Nominated by:

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone number: _____

2. Blasting Excellence Award

Nominee: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone number: _____

3. Industry Leadership Award

Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone number: _____

4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Include the following information for each nominee:

- A statement explaining why the nominee should be considered.
- A description of the nominee's job history and career background.
- Any additional information supporting your nominee.